

# ICKLETON LION NEWS

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## CAMPAIGN UPDATE

The last few weeks have been a bit of a whirlwind and the excitement of having our offer accepted by Greene King quite unforgettable! The support we have received from you all has been incredible and we can't thank you enough for getting us this far.

Of course - this is just the beginning. The building survey has now been carried out on the pub and we already know there will be lots of work to be done when we finally get the keys to the Lion. We will need furniture, glasses and crockery before we can even think of opening; more significantly the kitchen must be refitted and the building itself requires repair. We have submitted a proposal for lottery funding, but of course there is no guarantee of success. So, please continue to support our events and other fundraising activities (more information below) and, when the time comes, please give generously of your time and expertise to help us bring the Lion back to its former glory!

We are delighted that Patrick Watson, an Ickleton resident with extensive project management experience will be joining us on the management committee to oversee the refurbishment phase. Patrick's first impressions are that work will take at least 3-4 months from the point at which we get the keys, but we will know more after we have received the results of the full building survey. So you may have to wait a little while longer before you can enjoy that first pint, but we promise you, it will be worth it!

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## BRINGING THE LION BACK TO LIFE!



When we get the keys to the pub, there will be lots to do to get it ready for opening.

Whether you can offer a specific skill, or just a few hours here and there to help with cleaning, painting or gardening - it will all make a difference and hopefully be lots of fun too. Whatever help you can provide will be very much appreciated.

You can tell us how you can help by completing this [\*\*short google form\*\*](#), or by emailing us at [\*\*ickletonlionhearted@gmail.com\*\*](mailto:ickletonlionhearted@gmail.com)

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# EVENT ROUND UP

Since our last newsletter, we have held two very successful fundraising events. Our curry night was a sell-out and our Mexican Fiesta provided the perfect opportunity to celebrate our great news! It was wonderful to welcome Pippa Heylings back to Ickleton to join the party!



## WINE & CHEESE EVENING

With so much happening in the village in the lead up to Christmas, it's been tricky to find a date for our next event, but we hope you will be able to join us on Friday 22nd November for a relaxed and sociable evening, sampling a range of wines and providing us with feedback that could help inform the wine list on reopening. Tickets will include a range of wine to taste and a sharing platter of cheese and nibbles - there are only 50 available, so get yours early and don't miss out!

We will be hosting a 'Christmas Cracker' of an event in December (date TBC), and definitely keep Friday 24th January free for a Burns Night celebration! Thank you for your enthusiasm and support for our events.

## CHRISTMAS IS SORTED!

There's no need to be stuck for gift ideas this Christmas!

We are planning a small range of Limited Edition 'Ickleton Lion Merchandise' for you to pre-order in time for the big day, with something for everyone - more details to follow soon.



## IN THE NEWS

We've benefitted from some brilliant publicity throughout our campaign. A huge thank you to the Walden Local, Saffron Walden Reporter, Cambridge News, BBC Cambridgeshire, Greatest Hits Radio, Star Radio & the editors and admins of local newsletters & social media groups for sharing our success.

We are delighted that **Cambridge Independent** will shortly be publishing a monthly column about our journey, following us as we get the keys, work on refurbishing the pub and achieve our grand re-opening! Look out for it in their November issue.

## IT'S A WIN-WIN!

### SPOTLIGHT YOUR BRAND

Would you like to receive recognition as one of our 'Heroes'?

We are looking for local businesses who would like to sponsor our fundraising efforts by making a monetary donation, providing in-kind support or gifting a product, experience or service as a raffle prize.

Contact us today to learn more about how you can get involved and make a difference!

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